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# Biography

Ashton Bird (USA, b. 1990) is an installation artist and architectural designer residing in Boston Massachusetts, USA. He recently completed a 1-year contract as the John M. Anderson Visiting Assistant Professor through the Penn State School of Visual Arts located in State College, Pennsylvania. Relocating from Prague, Czechia he currently is a Master of Architecture candidate at the prestigious Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague. Bird was raised on a farm in southeast South Dakota, received his BFA from Minnesota State University-Mankato, apprenticed at Dakota Pottery in South Dakota, studied at Korea University in South Korea while briefly apprenticing at local Itaewon ceramic shop, and received his MFA from Florida State University. From 2015 to 2020, Ashton founded the 501c3 project space SOUP experimental where he curated 50+ on-site exhibitions, 24 video and written interviews, 3 public art crawls and several large-scale national collaborations between universities and private entities. Bird exhibits at traditional institutes, DIY projects, public art events and online venues. Notable locations include: Xiao Zhang Residence San Francisco, Klauzáló Projekt Galéria, Loft Bubny Holešovice, Villa P651, MINT Atlanta, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta Fringe Festival, Day & Night Projects Atlanta, Wiregrass Museum of Art, Delaware Contemporary, Psychic Jacuzzi, The Washington Pavilion of South Dakota, 410 Gallery Mankato, Metropolitan Gallery 250 Philadelphia, Manifest Creative Research Gallery & Drawing Center Cincinnati, and Cat Family Records Tallahassee. He recently finished 3 residencies: a 3-month Nexus residency funded by the Nexus Fund/Andy Warhol Foundation at the Atlanta Contemporary, a private exhibition between Joshua Tree and San Francisco, California and a 1-month international invitation funded by the Municipality of Budapest, Hungary. From 2019 to 2022 Ashton was a fulltime architectural lighting designer in The Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry. He has worked on several restaurant and hospitality ventures throughout the United States, but three notable projects include: Rumi's Colony Square, Atlanta, Spaceman, Hyatt Buckhead and the Casa Don Alfonso, Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis.

# Art Exhibitions

\*solo and collaborative installations

- 2025 *Title TBD & Installation Exhibition in Progress,* Bianca Fields & Ashton Bird, Boston, MA USA *Title TBD, Furniture Design Exhibition in Progress,* Bianca Fields, David Stingl & Ashton Bird, Prague, CZ
- 2023 Daydream, Xiao Zhang Residency, San Francisco, CA USA\*
   Penn State U.'s School of Visual Arts New Faculty Exhibition, Zoller Gallery, State College, PA USA
   Cement & Paper Tigers, Klauzál6 Projekt Galéria, Budapest, Hungary\*
   Bouquet & Checker Columns, Loft Bubny Holešovice, Prague, Czech Republic\*
   Restitution, Villa P651, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022 Eso Tilin Project Group Exhibition 2, Atlanta Contemporary On-Site, Atlanta, GA USA Eso Tilin Project Group Exhibition 1, Atlanta Contemporary Courtyard, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2021 Prairie, Reeves House Visual Arts Center, Woodstock, GA USA
- 2020 Kress Building El Paso, Cooper Carry Charrette, Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA USA Card-Mod Coffee Table, Industrial Design Charrette, Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2019 *Guesthouse (Remix): Little Matchstick Girl performance*, MINT, Atlanta, GA USA\* *Guesthouse*, installMINT Grand Opening Exhibition, MINT, Atlanta, GA USA *Mirage 2*, Atlanta Fringe Festival, Little Five Points, Atlanta, GA USA\* *sandbaggin'*, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA\* *lagarde*, Lagarde American Eatery, Chamblee, GA USA\*
- 2018 ASSEMBLAGE & ARRANGEMENT, Cat Family Records, Tallahassee, FL USA LOADING CLOUD, Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL USA\*

Pompeii, 651 House Show, Tallahasee, FL USA PALACE: 2018 MFA Graduate Exhibition, Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL USA

- 2017 Duststorms: 2017 MFA Biennial, Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE USA Fantasy, Day & Night Projects, Atlanta, GA USA
   Mirage, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
   PICKETFENCE, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
   BoneDry, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
   Earth, Body & Ore, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
- 2016 Fantasy, Metropolitan 250 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA USA
   Pompeii, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
   Memory Palace, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH USA
   No Vacancy, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
   Ceiling Feeling s., ARTMAZE, Exposure Gallery, Sioux Falls, SD USA\*
   BEDAZZLED, 1511 NMLK BLVD, Tallahassee, FL USA\*
- 2015 A Human Record, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD USA\* Undergraduate Research Exhibition, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA\* OVERFEED, Highpoint Center For Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN USA
- 2014 Senior Exhibition, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA STAIRWELL, Everest Gallery, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD USA\* It Takes a Village to Make a Monster, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Annual Halloween Show, 410 Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Decay, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Hannabal Lester, CSU gallery Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA St. Peter Arts Center Membership Show, St. Peter Art Center, St. Peter, MN USA Belle Notte, Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato, MN USA Inspiration Show, CSU gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
- 2013 *"Hangul Signs"*, Anam-Ro, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea\* Lester Boeh, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA\* Exploit Subject 2, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN USA\* The Librarian is the Juror, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Exploit Subject 1, Nelson Courtyard, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA\* Undergraduate Research Exhibition, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA\* Annual Juried Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN USA Annual Halloween Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN USA Scopophilia, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
  2000 Untitled University Delate Vormillion Sci USA
- 2009 Untitled, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, USA

# <u>Residencies</u>

- \*full funding
  - 2023 Xiao Zhang Residency, Private Collector, San Francisco and Joshua Tree National Park, CA USA\* Budapest Galéria International Artist Resident, Budapest Galéria, Buda Castle, Budapest, Hungary\*
  - 2022 Andy Warhol Foundation/Nexus Fund 3 Month Studio Artist Residency, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA\*

# Art Honors

Zhang Artist Honorarium, Private Collector, San Francisco and Joshua Tree National Park, CA USA
 1-Month Artist Residency Stipend, Municipality of Budapest through Buda Castle and the Budapest
 Galéria, Budapest, Hungary

- 2022 1 of 2 M.Arch International Candidates selected for 2022 in-take, Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM), Prague, Czechia
- 2020 Nexus Fund Artist Award, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2018 2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award [Honorable Mention], International Sculpture Center, Hamilton Township, NJ USA Graduate Thesis presentation, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
- 2016 "Top Art Exhibits and Events in Philly This November", UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA USA "Top Picks for First Friday in Philly this November", UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA USA Goliath Magazine Issue 1, Goliath Magazine, Minneapolis, MN USA A Human Record Interview, JAM ART and SUPPLY, Sioux Falls, SD USA Season 12 Manifest Exhibition Annual, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH USA
- Full-Tuition Scholarship, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
   Undergraduate Scholar: Posters at St. Paul, Capital Mall, St. Paul, MN USA
   South Dakota Artist Career Development Grant, South Dakota Arts Council, Pierre, SD USA
- 2014 Undergraduate Research Student Spotlight, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
   Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
   Inspiration Show [Honorable Mention], CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
   Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
- 2013 Minnesota Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Scopophilia Exhibition Award, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
- 2012 Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA

# <u>Curatorial</u>

2018 SOUP x CatFest 2018, Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x Wiregress Museum of Art, Dothan, AL USA Chris Boyko: Automatism, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x Wilbury, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x RareStone Records, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x The Bark, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x Cap City Video Lounge, Tallahassee, FL USA In-House, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Eurotrill DJ Night, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA PORTAL 4 x Litterbox, 327 Meadowbrook Ln, Tallahassee, FL USA Toni Ardizzone: Savage to Savage, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x Georgia State University Graduate Artist Forum, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Day & Night Projects: Supermoon ft. William Downs, Steven Anderson and Mark Leibert, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA LOVENOTES, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA 2017 SOUP x Day & Night Projects: FANTASY, Day & Night Projects, Atlanta, GA USA Portal 3 Midtown Art Crawl, Midtown Business District, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x CatFest 2017, Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL USA Calvin LL. Jones: Football Church, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Colleen Itani: It's Important if I'm Crying/if I'm Crying it's important, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Sydney Ewerth: Ramblin', SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA

Mathew Mitros: Parallel Play, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x Cat Family Records: Summer Session 2017, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Chris Boyko: Visceral Meditation, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Michelle LaFrance: Michelle LaFrance, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Celeste Ivory: Floccus, SOUP Experimental, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Lordscience: Alienation, Harmony and Variance, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Portal 2, Marie Dull's House, Tallahassee, FL USA Amanda Crary & Codey Gallas: Time Savor, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Nathaniel Hendrickson, Rebecca Fitton, Kayla McClellan x SOUP x Community Arts Initiative: A Dismantling Process, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA One. Will's selected RAP & Poetry, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Elise Thompson: Threw It Through It, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Carrie Ann Baade, Amanda Boekhout, Kelly Gallo: Goddess Lounge, SOUP Experimental, FL USA LOVENOTES Poetry Night, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Bailey The Bear, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Georgia State MFA Showcase, SOUP Experimental, FL USA SOUP EXPERIMENTAL BIRTHDAY, SOUP Experimental, FL USA SOUP x THE JOURNEY MGMT: THE INTRANET, SOUP Experimental, FL USA 2016 SOUP x METROPOLITAN 250 GALLERY: FANTASY, Metropolitan 250 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA USA Sean Hamilton: Soft Opening, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Calvin LL. Jones: ghostinthetoy, SOUP Experimental, FL USA FRUIT 1, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Kyle Marler: Flattersitter + The Dream Wanderer, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Patrick Shevlin: Unintentionally Nautical, SOUP Experimental, FL USA Austin Yorke: a self-annihilating nothing, SOUP Experimental, FL USA SOUP x GRASSLANDS BREWERY, Grasslands Brewery, Tallahassee, FL USA PORTAL, 651 West Ave House, Tallahassee, FL USA OPEN, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Mary Chong, Tenee Hart, Justin Bumpers: Dilate, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Local DIY Horror Movie Fest, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Classic Blood Social, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Hannah Schwadron, Jamour, A'Lon, Miracle, Faking Jazz, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA SOUP x MFA Delaware Showcase, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Chelsea Raflo: MT. SOMA, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Choreography Wave Noise, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Dwellings, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Lucia Riffel, Sierra Kramer, Carrell Courtright: Space and Charm, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Hannah Thompson Movement Sculpture, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Special May Performances, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Kathleen Saunders: Subtropical, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Nathan Hendrickson: Dance of Life, Soul Extraction and Replacement, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Matthew Lawrence: Anywhere but Brooklyn, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA Brittany Watkin: Lucia Not-Self, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA 2015 Lucia Riffel's Wizard of Breakfast, Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL USA

# SOUP Artist Video Series

note: click text to watch interview or highlights

- 2018 <u>Video Interview</u>: Day & Night Projects ft. William Downs, Steven Anderson <u>Video Interview</u>: Lordscience Universal
- 2017 <u>Video Interview</u>: Carrie Ann Baade <u>Video Interview</u>: The Goddess Lounge

<u>Video Highlight</u>: Portal 3 <u>Video Highlight</u>: Portal 2 <u>Video Interview</u>: Bailey the Bear <u>Video Interview</u>: Amelia Carley & Aaron Putt <u>Video Interview</u>: Journey MGMT: The Intranet

2016 <u>Video Interview</u>: Scott Bell & Cat Family Records <u>Video Interview</u>: Kenneth Von Roenn <u>Video Interview</u>: Sean Hamilton <u>Video Interview</u>: The Dream Wanderer, Kyle Marler

# SOUP Art Writing Series

note: to read articles visit <u>ashtonbird.com/written</u>

- 2017 Opinion: Rachel Ballard's Use Me
   Opinion: Joe Hadden's 665 and 13
   Opinion: Larkin Ford's Faith Healer at the Buffet
   Opinion: Celeste Ivory's Floccus
   Opinion: Michelle Lafrance's Tangible
   Opinion: Amanda Crary and Codey Gallas's Time Savor
- 2016 Opinion: Ashton Bird's *Pompeii* Opinion: Lucia Riffel's *Welcome to Nowhere* Opinion: Jason Lake's *Trench Laundry Service*

# **Curatorial Honors**

- 2017 Review: Day & Night's Fantasy Shows Multiple Worlds Mingling, ArtATL, Atlanta, GA USA Review: SOUP Experimental, Venison Magazine, San Francisco, CA USA Interview: SOUP x Tallahassee Council on Culture & Art, WTXL Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL USA Interview: SOUP Experimental Garners Creative Collaboration, FSview, Tallahassee, FL USA
- Ranking: 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Exhibition in Philadelphia, November 2016, UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA USA Review: Tallahassee Artists to open 2016-2017 season, Breadhead, Philadelphia, PA USA Interview: Department of Art MFA Student, Ashton Bird & SOUP experimental, Florida State University, Tallassee, FL USA Interview: Ashton Bird Redefines Art Galleries, Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, FL USA

# Architectural Lighting Design

- 2023 Kress Spa, Luxury Spa & Resort, El Paso, TX USA Kress Food Hall, Commercial & Mixed Use, El Paso, TX USA Riverview Square Hotel, Commercial & Mixed-Use, Clarksville, TN USA Frenchman's Reef Marriot, Hospitality & Restaurant Lighting, St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands USA Millcity Tavern, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Restaurant Lighting, St. Paul, MN USA Amelia Gene's Machine Shop, Restaurant Lighting, Memphis, TN USA The Palm House Hotel, Hospitality Lighting, Palm Beach, FL USA Midtown Union Exterior Feature Façade, RGBW Feature Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA Carolina Country Club, Restaurant Lighting, Raleigh, NC USA Peachtree Dunwoody Pavilion, Commercial and Retail Mixed-Use, Sandy Springs, GA USA 2022 Rumi's Colony Square, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA 2021 Spaceman Hyatt Buckhead, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA Mount Royal Hyatt Buckhead, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA Cooper Carry Office, Office Lighting Redesign, Atlanta, GA USA Casa Don Alfonso, The Ritz-Carlton, Restaurant Lighting, St. Louis, MO USA The Cigar Club, The Ritz-Carlto, Restaurant Lighting, St. Louis, MO USA Landing Fancy Fish, Restaurant Lighting, Memphis, TN USA
  - *The Jimmy Italian Pasteria & Pizzeria*, Restaurant Lighting, Charlotte, NC USA *Virtuoso Club House*, Commercial Club & Spa Lighting, Huntsville, AL USA

Windstar Cruise ship Boutique, Retail Lighting, Seattle, WA USA Assembly Food Hall, Commercial Food Hall, Rosslyn, VA USA

- 2019 Sante MD Wellness Center, Commercial Medical Spa, Atlanta, GA USA 260 Stratford Road, Residential Lighting Redesign, Asheville, NC USA Lighting Loft Custom Chandelier Design, Atlanta, GA USA Moniz Mansion Blue Ridge Mountain Club, Residential Lighting, Blowing Rock, NC USA 1738 Marlbrook DR NE, Residential Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA Kennesaw Loft B&B, Commercial Lighting, Kennesaw, GA USA Tech Lighting Display Booth, Exhibition Design, Atlanta, GA USA 6580 Indian Creek Drive, Residential Lighting, Miami Beach, FL USA
- 2018 Alon's Bakery, Commercial Warehouse Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA Bernes Warehouse 3230 DR. Cumberland, Retail Lighting, Chamblee, GA USA Chabad of North Fulton, Commercial Sanctuary Lighting, Alpharette, GA USA Guiterrez Residence, Residential Lighting, Vinings, GA USA

#### Design Honors

#### note: studio, team & project awards

- 2022 Restaurant New Construction Award of Merit: *Rumi's Colony Square, Atlanta, GA USA,* AIA Atlanta Residential & Hospitality Design Awards
  ASID Design Excellence Award, Hospitality Country Club, Gold: *Cherokee Country Club, Knoxville, TN USA*, American Society of Interior Designers
  ASID Design Excellence Awards, Hospitality Restaurants, Silver: *Casa Don Alfonso at The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO USA*, American Society of Interior Designers
  Atlanta Magazine Georgia Design Award, Contract Design Restaurant/Bar, Silver: *Rumi's Colony Square, Atlanta, GA USA*, Atlanta Magazine
  Illumination Award, Merit: *Casa Don Alfonso at The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO USA*, Illuminating Engineering Society
  Atlanta's 25 Top Largest Architectural Firms: Cooper Carry Ranked #1, Atlanta, GA USA, Atlanta Business Chronicle
  2021 Hospitality Design Award for Best Club and Lounge: *The Cigar Club at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO*
- Hospitality Design Award for Best Club and Lounge: *The Cigar Club at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO* USA, Hospitality Design Magazine
   NAIOP Best of Northern Virginia Awards, Retail Award of Merit: *Assembly at Rosslyn City Center, Rosslyn, VA USA*, Commercial Real Estate Development Association
   Atlanta's 25 Top Largest Architectural Firms: Cooper Carry Ranked #1, Atlanta, GA USA, Atlanta
   Business Chronicle
- 2020 Atlanta's 25 Top Largest Architectural Firms: Cooper Carry Ranked #1, Atlanta, GA USA, Atlanta Business Chronicle

#### Professional Experience

- 2024- Design Specialist, Troon | RealFood Hospitality, Strategy & Design, Boston, MA USA
- 2023- John M Anderson Visiting Full Time Assistant Professor, Penn State University's School of Visual Arts,
- 2024 State College, PA USA
- 2022- Designer II, The Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2019
- 2019- Designer I and Social Media Strategist, The Lighting Loft, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2018
- 2020- Director and Founder, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
- 2015
- 2017- Sculpture Lab Technician, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
- 2015
- 2017 Exhibition Preparator, Christopher Cutts Gallery, Art Miami Basel, Miami, FL USA

2014 Gallery Guard, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN USA Ceramics Studio Internship, The Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD USA Raku and Ceramics Technician, Dakota Pottery, Sioux Falls, SD USA

#### Volunteer Experience

- 2021- Volunteer Craftsmen, Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2020
- 2021- Event Volunteer, Cat Family Records, Tallahassee, FL USA
- 2018 Event Volunteer, Alliance Theater, Atlanta, GA USA
- Event Volunteer, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta, GA USA Event Volunteer, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA Event Volunteer, Museum of Design, Atlanta, GA USA

#### **Education**

- 2027- Master of Architecture Candidate: Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM),
- 2022 Prague, Czechia
- 2018 MFA Studio Art: Installation, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
- 2014 BFA Studio Art: Ceramics, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
- 2012 Ceramic Apprentice, Itaewon, Seoul, South Korea Experimental Drawing, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea